

**Edgewood High School
SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWSLETTER
December 2023**



WHO IS YOUR COUNSELOR??

Edgewood High School

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Other Resources

- ACCESS - College & Career Advising with Mrs. Smith at Edgewood High School
- Community Counseling - Social Emotional Support
- YO! (Youth Opportunities) - Tutoring & Life Skills

Important Forms (Available Online)

- Request to See your EHS Counselor - <https://tinyurl.com/EHSOfficeRequest>
- Transcript Request Form - <https://tinyurl.com/TranscriptsEHS>
- Schedule Change Request Form - <https://tinyurl.com/EHSCourseChange>

IMPORTANT NEWS

College applications that need to be submitted prior to January 5th must be received in the Guidance Office by Monday, December 18th to guarantee they are sent before winter break.

SCOIR

All EHS and A-tech students have been invited to create an account in SCOIR. SCOIR is the one-stop online system that provides students with college and career planning tools. In SCOIR, students can request transcripts and letters of recommendation, and register for upcoming college visits at EHS.

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morning announcements will be available on video every Friday. They can be viewed on the Edgewood Media YouTube account.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

All EHS and A-tech students have been sent an invite to the EHS Google Classroom to their Buckeye email. Here is the code to join the EHS Google Classroom: abtba4b. All announcements and communications will be available in Google Classroom.

THINKING ABOUT APPLYING TO A-TECH FOR THE 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR?

Students in grade 10 can apply for one of the 18 different career tech programs that A-Tech has to offer. Apply now at Atech.edu

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Kent State Ashtabula's Financial Aid Office is willing to help ANY STUDENT OR PARENT complete the FAFSA or with general information. Please contact them at 440-964-4213. Our ACCESS Advisor, Mrs. Smith is also available to help. If you have questions about Financial Aid that is school specific, please contact that specific school for the most accurate information.



TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

- **GRANTS** and **SCHOLARSHIPS***: Money you do not have to pay back; available from many sources. **WORK STUDY**: Money earned from work used to help pay for school **LOANS**: Money borrowed that must be repaid (with interest)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be posted in the EHS Google Classroom when agencies notify us about a specific opportunity. Otherwise, students and families should research: the individual college or university's website on Scholarship and Financial Aid, www.collegeboard.com, www.gocollege.com, www.fastweb.com, www.cappex.com

HOW TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL AND STATE AID

1. Students must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to be considered for need-based grants, loans, and work study jobs. To submit a FAFSA, first apply for a FSA ID through the link located at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Parents (contributors) need to fill out the FAFSA. The FAFSA is expected to be available at www.fafsa.ed.gov by January 1. Deadlines will vary by college and state. Students should check with the college they will attend for FAFSA deadline dates.
2. Students should check with the college(s) they expect to attend because additional financial aid applications/forms are often required.
3. The student's selected college Financial Aid Office(s) will send an award letter to the student indicating the types of aid the student is eligible to receive. This award letter may not be a hard copy. The information may come from the university to the student's newly assigned university e-mail address.

NOTE: Special circumstances (such as changes in income and other factors affecting eligibility) may be considered. Should any special circumstances arise, the student should contact the Financial Aid Office for further instructions.

EXCELLENT INTERNET RESOURCES

- **The Student Guide from the U.S. Department of Education** – <http://studentaid.ed.gov> This is an excellent guide to federal financial aid opportunities provided by the U.S. Department of Education. The Student Guide provides information about financial aid from the U.S. Department of Education. To apply for aid from these programs, students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is available electronically via <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.
- **FAFSA On the Web** – <http://fafsa.ed.gov> This is the on-line form to complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. You must complete and submit this application to apply for federal student aid.
- **Financial Aid Information Page** – <http://www.finaid.org> This site offers financial aid offices, scholarships/fellowships, grants, loans, government programs, and much more. The National Association of Financial Aid Administrators and Mark Kantrowitz administer this outstanding site.
- **FastWEB** – <http://www.fastweb.org> This is a FREE searchable database of thousands of scholarships. It is an outstanding resource for students looking for scholarship assistance.
- College Aid Sources for Higher Education - www.salliemae.com
- Peterson's Guide - www.petersons.com
- College Board On-Line - www.collegeboard.org
- The Princeton Review, Colleges, Testing & Aid - www.princetonreview.com
- Education Testing Service Network - www.ets.org
- EFC Estimation On-Line - www.finaid.org/calculators/finaidestimate.phtml
- www.collegeanswer.com
- Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (OASFAA) - www.oasfaa.org
- United Negro College Fund - www.uncf.org
- U.S. Department of Education - www.ed.gov

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS

There are two college entrance tests – the **SAT** and the **ACT**. Check the colleges of your choice to learn which test is required. Register for these tests on the web.

If you are a junior or senior and participate in Free/Reduced Lunch, your school counselor can give you a fee waiver to cover the cost of the test - including late fees. Also, by using a fee waiver you will receive additional access to test prep materials for free. Please do not wait until the last day to register to request a fee waiver because the school counselors may not be available.

2023-2024 ACT And SAT TEST DATES **EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL TESTING CODE: 360-220**

Please note: All 11th grade students will take the ACT Test for free at EHS on February 27th! Atech students will test AT Atech.

ACT TEST DATES

| Test Date | Registration Deadline | Late Registration |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| February 10, 2024 | January 5, 2024 | January 19, 2024 |
| April 13, 2024 | March 8, 2024 | March 22, 2024 |
| June 8, 2024 | May 3, 2024 | May 17, 2024 |

Register and Prepare for the ACT at www.act.org. Visit ACT's web site or see ACT's New Student Site for a full set of sample test questions, along with complete answer explanations, test-taking strategies, and detailed analyses of each section of the ACT Assessment—all at www.actstudent.org

SAT TEST DATES

| Test Date | Registration Deadline | Late Registration |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| March 9, 2024 | February 23, 2024 | February 27, 2024 |
| May 4, 2024 | April 19, 2024 | April 23, 2024 |
| June 1, 2024 | May 16, 2024 | May 21, 2024 |

Register and Prepare for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com. -Take an analogy tutorial. Sign up for Question of the Day. Learn about the SAT's format. Read explanations about the verbal and math questions. Practice with real SAT questions. Get valuable test-taking strategies.

OHIO MEANS JOBS

Have you ever wondered what careers would be a good fit for you? Through the www.ohiomeansjobs.com website, a student can create a career profile, career plan, and search occupations.

12 Tips for Choosing a Career

1. Choose an occupation because you like the work, not solely because of the rewards in money or prestige.
2. Choose an occupation that will use your abilities.
3. Choose an occupation in which there is likely to be an active demand for workers when you are ready to go to work.
4. Do not choose an occupation just because a friend or someone else you admire chose it.
5. Avoid occupations that require abilities you don't have.
6. Don't confuse interest and ability.
7. Before making a final choice of occupation, find out all the things you might have to do in it. Determine which of these will take most of your time.
8. Don't expect to find a job in which you will never have to do anything you dislike.
9. Don't stay permanently in a job in which you dislike most of the things you have to do.
10. Beware of biased information from recruiters and other sources.
11. Take all the advice people offer you, and then act on your judgment.
12. Remember Robert Louis Stevenson's advice: "To know what you prefer, instead of humbly saying 'Amen' to what the world tells you you ought to prefer, is to have kept your soul alive."